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REPORT

TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

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PREPARED 13 August 1955

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brandenburg-Briest airfield between 7 June and 8 July 1955:
7, 9, 11, 14, 16 and 18 June. MiG-15s practiced flying individually and in formations of up to 4.
24 and 25 June. One IL-28 made several local flights.
27 June. Four MiG-15s made individual local flights.
28 June. An element of two MiG-15s and a formation of 6 made cross-country flights.
1 and 6 to 8 July. MiG-15s practiced flying individual and in small formations.

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2. On 22 July, the southern section of the field was observed from the air and 22 MiG-15s were observed being parked in a line along the southeastern taxiway.

3. The following observations were made at the field between 1 and 25 July 1955:

1 July. Individual flights were made by MiG-15s.

4 July. At about 1400, 8 MiG-15s individually took off and assembled in a large circle at an altitude of 800 to 1,000 meters. Four of the aircraft individually made a low-level attack at the field while diving at a steep angle and then gliding at an angle of about 45 degrees down to 300 meters. After pulling out of their dive, the aircraft again climbed in a flat angle. The second aircraft dived when the first MiG-15s was about 500 meters from its pull-out point.

23 and 24 July. There was no air activity.

25 July. Individual and formation flights were practiced. Flights in formations of four aircraft were observed. These formations headed toward the southeast and were aloft for about 20 minutes.

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(definitely loaded with bombs or containers),

. Two or three horizontal stripes were observed under the "Y" of MiG 15 . Bombs or auxiliary fuel tanks were observed under the wings of three or four aircraft. These bombs or fuel tanks, which were

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fitted near the extended landing gears and had diameters of 30 to 35 cm, projected 30 to 35 cm beyond the leading edge and about 20 cm beyond the trailing edge of the wings. Twelve MiG-15s were parked along the taxiway, 6 to 8 near the flight control station, and 4 to 6 MiG-15s were seen aloft.

Comment. The ground attack regiment from Alt Loennowitz transferred to Brandenburg-Briest in early April 1955 and since that date has been re-training on MiG-15s. The number of assigned MiG-15s is believed to be between 25 and 30.

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_____ were previously observed in Brandenburg-Briest, _____ in Merseburg, _____ in Koethen, _____ in Pinow, and _____ in Wittstock. _____ are reported for the first time. For diagrammatic sketch of approach flight, see Annex.

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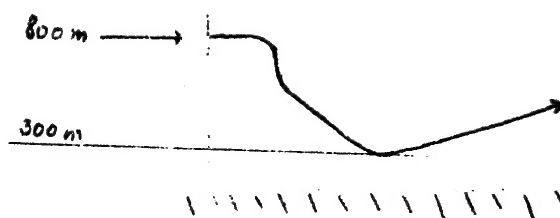
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Diagrammatic Sketch of Approach Flight Conducted by MIG-15s
at Brandenburg-Briest Airfield



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